CHAMBER ACTION

The Juvenile Justice Committee recommends the following:

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Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to youthful offenders; amending ss. 958.045 and 958.11, F.S.; revising sentencing provisions for juvenile offenders who violate the terms of their probation; revising references to obsolete offices within the Department of Corrections relating to youthful offenders; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (2), paragraph (c) of subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 958.045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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958.045 Youthful offender basic training program. --

(2)(a) Upon receipt of a youthful offender offenders, the

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department shall screen the offender offenders for the basic

training program. To participate, an offender must have no

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activity, must not be impaired, and must not have been

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previously incarcerated in a state or federal correctional facility. In screening <u>an offender</u> offenders for the basic training program, the department shall consider the offender's criminal history and the possible rehabilitative benefits of "shock" incarceration.

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- (b) If an offender meets the specified criteria and space is available, the department shall request, in writing from the sentencing court, approval for the offender to participate in the basic training program. When If the person is classified by the department as a youthful offender and the department requests is requesting approval from the sentencing court for placement of an offender in a basic training the program, the department shall, at the same time, notify the state attorney that the offender is being considered for placement in the basic training program. The notice must explain that the purpose of such placement is diversion from lengthy incarceration when a short "shock" incarceration could produce the same deterrent effect, and that the state attorney may, within 14 days after the mailing of the notice, notify the sentencing court in writing of objections, if any, to the placement of the offender in the basic training program.
- (c) The sentencing court shall notify the department in writing of placement approval no later than 21 days after receipt of the department's request for placement of the youthful offender in the basic training program. Failure to notify the department within 21 days shall be considered an approval by the sentencing court for placing the youthful offender in the basic training program. Each state attorney may Page 2 of 5

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develop procedures for notifying the victim that the offender is being considered for placement in the basic training program.

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- (c) The portion of the sentence served prior to placement in the basic training program may not be counted toward program completion. Upon the offender's completion of the basic training program, the department shall submit a report to the court that describes the offender's performance. If the offender's performance has been satisfactory, the court shall issue an order modifying the sentence imposed and placing the offender on probation. The term of probation may include placement in a community residential program. If the offender violates the conditions of probation, the court may revoke probation and impose any sentence that it might have originally imposed as—a condition—of probation.
- (8)(a) The <u>department</u> Assistant Secretary for Youthful Offenders shall continuously screen all institutions, facilities, and programs for any inmate who meets the eligibility requirements for youthful offender designation specified in s. 958.04, whose age does not exceed 24 years. The department may classify and assign as a youthful offender any inmate who meets the criteria of s. 958.04.

Section 2. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section 958.11, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

958.11 Designation of institutions and programs for youthful offenders; assignment from youthful offender institutions and programs.--

(4) The <u>department</u> Office of the Assistant Secretary for Youthful Offenders shall continuously screen all institutions, facilities, and programs for any inmate who meets the eligibility requirements for youthful offender designation specified in s. 958.04(1)(a) and (c) whose age does not exceed 24 years and whose total length of sentence does not exceed 10 years, and the department may classify and assign as a youthful offender any inmate who meets the criteria of this subsection.

- Coordinator shall coordinate all youthful offender assignments or transfers and shall consult with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Youthful Offenders. The department Office of the Assistant Secretary for Youthful Offenders shall review and maintain access to full and complete documentation and substantiation of all such assignments or transfers of youthful offenders to or from facilities in the state correctional system that which are not designated for their care, custody, and control, except assignments or transfers made pursuant to paragraph (3)(c).
- (6) The department may assign to a youthful offender facility any inmate, except a capital or life felon, whose age does not exceed 19 years but who does not otherwise meet the criteria of this section, if the <u>department Assistant Secretary for Youthful Offenders</u> determines that such inmate's mental or physical vulnerability would substantially or materially jeopardize his or her safety in a nonyouthful offender facility. Assignments made under this subsection shall be included in the department's annual report.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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